

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2550 - HB 3399

January 24, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires local education agencies (LEA), in conjunction with local law enforcement, to conduct an annual review of crime reports from the prior twelve months that took place within 1.5 miles of a high school to determine whether there is a need for increased police patrols. Upon determination of a need, local law enforcement shall increase their presence within the 1.5 mile zone. Grants LEAs and police the option to increase the patrol radius beyond 1.5 miles and increase patrols before and after school if investigation determines there is a need.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Gov't. Expenditures* – Exceeds \$1,500,000

Assumptions:

- There two main areas of cost associated with this bill. One is the requirement that police increase their patrols within the 1.5 mile radius. The second is the option to place officers on before and after school duty.
- According to the Comptroller, to satisfy both areas of cost, jurisdictions could hire additional officers, transfer officers from other divisions, or increase the duties of existing officers to satisfy the new requirements.
- According to local law enforcement who responded, costs to fulfill the potential increased patrol requirements vary greatly. According to the City of Memphis placing two officers on before and after school duties would require an additional \$2,494,800 for overtime pay. According to the City of Knoxville costs for before and after school duty would be a minimum of \$244,735.
- Local need-based study would have to be done in order to correctly estimate a state-wide cost for monetary and man-power needs. Therefore it is hard to assess the exact impact that this bill would have on local law enforcement costs.
- Although many duties could be accomplished within existing resources, there are sufficient additional responsibilities to estimate a state-wide increase in local expenditures exceeding \$1,500,000.

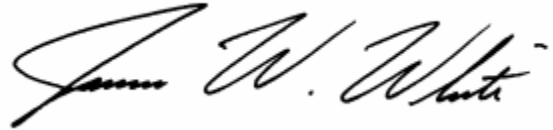
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- LEA expenditures would not increase significantly as a result of having to conduct annual crime reviews.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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